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- During the night of 17 September 1950 several trucks with troops moved into the Tauntzien Kaserne, Stendal (M 53/Y 85) 50X1-HUM
 On 18 September 1950 about 1,000 troops fell in at the barracks yard, standing in five ranks. A three-man color guard with a red flag and a military band stood on the flank. About 250X1-HUM
 stood in front of the troops. all troops from the installation had fallen in. the troops from the Tauntzien Kaserne and several march columns from the Hindenburg Kaserne went to the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. They returned to their installations in the afternoon. Motor vehicles 50X1-HUM
 were seen at the Tauntzien Kaserne. * 50X1-HUM
- During the night of 17 September 1950 several convoys of three to five trucks each with troops allegedly moved into the Hindenburg Kaserne. The troops in the installation were estimated at about 2,000. On 22 September 1950 about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen training at squad level near the installation. Motor vehicles were observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
- It was said that troops also arrived in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne by truck during the night of 17 September 1950. Only a few of the new arrivals wore war decorations. The new troops were estimated to be about 20 years old. Some of them had closely cropped hair. The troops in the installation were estimated at about 2,000. The troops were apparently restricted to quarters as few soldiers were observed in the streets of the city. Motor vehicles were seen at the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. ** 50X1-HUM
- The MVD office in the former **komendatura** buildings on Moltkestrasse also recently received reinforcements. The office personnel was estimated at 200. Most of the troops observed in the city wore green epaulets.

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* [] Comment. Armored Forces Day ceremony in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne of the tank unit from the Stendal post []

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[] from Werder and Potsdam. [] It appears that the ceremony was also attended by delegations from other posts of elements of the 207th Itz Rifle Div.

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** [] Comment. The present report indicates that new troops arrived in the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. Most of the troops were young, possibly recruits. The occupation of the two installations has approximately doubled since the time of the last reports which stated that about 800 troops were in the Hindenburg Kaserne on 27 June 1950 and about 1,000 troops in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne on 5 September 1950. []

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